

PEACE OR WAR
IN TWO DAYSThat Great Conference Will
End in Short Time

IS GENERAL IMPRESSION.

Envoys Got to Work on the Question
of Indemnity This Forenoon—
Witte Says He Has
Tried Hard.

Portsmouth, N.H., Aug. 17.—The peace envoys arrived at the navy yard earlier than usual today and went into session promptly at 9:30 o'clock. It is believed that article 12, relating to indemnity, was the first to be considered.

There is a possibility that the conference may end today, but it is thought doubtful if it lasts longer than two days more.

When he returned to the hotel last night, M. Witte, who was tired out with his hard day's work, said: "I am doing all I can for peace. Of the eight articles we have already considered I have yielded seven. No other statesman in Russia would have dared to do so much, and I have done what I have done upon my own responsibility."

Confident of Peace.

In an interview with the Publishers' Press, M. Sato of the Japanese suite, declared this morning that he believed that peace would result from the conference. He said that he was perfectly satisfied with the progress being made. He thought that all the articles remaining would be taken up before they returned to article 5, upon which the envoys failed to agree the other day.

Just before he left for the navy yard this morning, Witte said he expected that articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 would be taken up today, possibly article 5. He would give no indication as to the nature of the articles nor his opinion as to what action would be taken upon them.

A statement made here today regarding the recent visit of Jewish bankers, is in effect that in a diplomatic way they delivered practically an ultimatum to the czar through Witte, that Russia would not be permitted to negotiate an international loan for any purpose, unless definite promises were given in advance that the restrictive clause in Russia against Jews should be repealed, and equal rights extended to all Jewish citizens in the empire.

Articles 7 and 8 were disposed of yesterday, the former "in principle," the latter "unanimously," according to the official bulletins. Article 7 provides for the cession to China of the branch of the Chinese Eastern Railroad running south from Harbin to Port Arthur and Dalgai and with a branch line connecting at Newchwang with the Shanghai-Kwan-Tientsin road.

Article 8 provides for the retention by Russia of the Lone Tree branch in northern Manchuria, which forms the connecting link of the main line of the Trans-Siberian and the Ussuri railroad, with its terminal at Vladivostok and Harbin.

The acceptance "in principle" of article 7 only means that certain points remain to be elaborated, not that a dispute still exists. But this may possibly be only a convenient method postponing until the final struggle of an article which could be used in the ultimate compromise. Russia, by the acceptance of these two articles, in connection with 2, 3, 4 and 6, surrenders every vestige of her ambition in Manchuria. She closes the door to the warm water, upon which she lavished her millions, and retains only as a commercial, not as a military road, the link of the railroad connecting her operations with the maritime provinces upon the Pacific as the right to police it with Russian troops or railway guard is given up and its protection will become the duty of China.

The Chinese Eastern railroad is T-shaped. The stem runs from Harbin south. The top runs from the station Manchuria on the Amur to Pogranichnaya, where it connects with the government owned Ussuri road to the coast. It was this "top off" which more than anything else paved the way for what is known as the "Manchurian adventure," changing the whole plan of M. Witte while minister of finance. His objects had been only to make of Tali-euwan or "Dalgai" a commercial entrepot for foreign trade, but with the strategical railroad behind them the "war party's" aggressive policy began.

These shares of the Chinese Eastern company consist of 5,000,000 roubles, in the form of single certificates and are held in the coffers of the Russo-Chinese bank as trustee. The 4 per cent bonds issued from time to time for its construction were guaranteed by the Russian government and amount to 400,000,000 roubles. The bonds were listed on the stock exchanges in Russia, Berlin and Paris, and are now selling at 82 and 83. The Russian minister of finance has annually paid not only the interest on the bonds, but the deficits in the operating expenses of the road, which have been heavy. As about half this money went into the Port Arthur branch, the Russian treasury is out of stock, about half the total outlay. Her only hope of saving anything is to arrange with China.

Japan, too, will have her claim against Poland for the restoration of the road after it was destroyed by the Russian army, the rebuilding of bridges and the change in the gauge. It is believed

that these discussions are left by the article for each country to arrange with the celestial empire.

SCARING THE SULTAN.

Picards Signed "Turkish Revolutionary Committee" Appear.

Constantinople, August 17.—Picards, attacking the Sultan have been posted on the mosques throughout the city. The action has caused wide spread excitement. The picards read: "The present Sultan is unworthy to rule and ought to disappear. The present regime is intolerable." They conclude with the words: "Justice and liberty are our principles."

They are signed: "Turkish revolutionary committee." This is taken to mean that an attempt on the life of the Sultan will be made soon.

NEGRO HANGED BY MOB.

Confessed That He Killed E. E. Perry
But Said It Was Accidental.

Lake Comorant, Miss., Aug. 17.—Henry Young, a negro, who shot and killed Edward E. Perry on the Bass plantation, near Lake Comorant last Sunday was taken from Sheriff Withers and a deputy last night and at the scene of his crime was hanged by a mob of 100 armed men. The negro confessed his guilt, but pleaded that he did not intend to kill Perry, a pistol for the possession of which they were contending, he said, having exploded.

PRESIDENT'S VISITORS.

The Cortelyous and Former Minister
Conger at Dinner.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 17.—Postmaster-General and Mrs. Cortelyou, Ambassador to Mexico, President of University of Illinois, James, war correspondent Francis McCullough and the choir of Christ church Oyster Bay, comprised the visitors at Salomons hall this afternoon. The Cortelyous and Conger arrived in time to take luncheon with the President. Conger until recently minister to China comes to give the President information on the Chinese boycott of American goods. The Cortelyous are on a purely social visit.

PLACE LARGE LOAN.

Russia Said to Have Made It in United
States.

London, Aug. 17.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from St. Petersburg says a prominent banker there has confirmed the reports that a Russian loan has been concluded in America. It is stated that important supplemental despatches were sent to M. Witte yesterday. The feeling in regard to the outcome of peace negotiations is generally becoming more optimistic.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Morris of Laconia Arraigned on Murder
Charge at Lowell.

Lowell, Mass., Aug. 17.—George F. Morris, arraigned in police court on the charge of murdering Mrs. Jennie B. Spaulding on Aug. 8, was yesterday held without bail for the grand jury.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The 41 Starters at Bennington Reduced
to Eight Yesterday.

Bennington, Aug. 17.—The fourth annual tournament of the Vermont State Golf association began yesterday on the links of the Mt. Anthony club. The heavy rains of last night and this morning made the greens slow and conditions most unfavorable. There were 41 starters.

The Governor McCullough, cap was won by a team from Mt. Anthony club consisting of Percy Jennings, N. B. Cole, Harry K. Cole and George Worthington. In the qualifying rounds Percy Jennings of Mt. Anthony made the best gross score, 82, and E. M. Pond of Rutland was second with 85.

The wedding of process was continued bringing the match for the State championship down to eight players who will begin play tomorrow morning as follows:

Frederick Herrshoff, Ekwanok, against A. L. White, Ekwanok; Percy Jennings, Mr. Anthony, against George Worthington, Mt. Anthony; E. M. Pond, Rutland, against Jasper Lynch, Ekwanok; J. T. Gilmer, Mt. Anthony, against J. L. Taylor, Ekwanok.

ALL EXCEPT VERMONT.

Participating in the New England Shoot-
ing Competition.

Wakefield, Mass., Aug. 17.—The interstate shoot, in which riflemen representing the militia of all the New England states, except Vermont, are participating this week, was continued yesterday, although the weather was no better than on the day before. The rainfall during the forenoon was without cessation.

The only team match of the day was the Baneroff match for regimental teams of New England, at distances of 350 yards and 800 yards. Several individual matches were shot, including the Essex county match at 200 yards and 500 yards, rapid fire postponed from Tuesday.

The first half of the match for the Baneroff trophy, offered by Maj. Gen. W. A. Baneroff, was completed about noon. In this round, which was at 300 yards, the best individual score was made by Sergt. W. P. Marston, Company D, First Maine infantry, who scored 44 out of a possible 50.

Death of Gen. Wm. Seward.

New York, Aug. 17.—General William Seward, who served in the Civil War, in the seventh regiment and was colonel of the Ninth regiment when the Spanish-American war began, died yesterday at his residence here. General Seward was born on August 19, 1837, in New York. He was a member of the New York bar and was a member of the New York legislature. He was a member of the New York legislature. He was a member of the New York legislature.

DROP 75 FEET
TO DEATH.Two Men Killed at Bellows
Falls Yesterday Afternoon.

HORSE SCARED BY TRAIN.

Bolted Into Train and Then Raced With
It, Finally Throwing Occupants of
Wagon Into Connecticut
River.

Bellows Falls, August 17.—Hurled through 75 feet of space and dashed to the jagged rocks below, George Jenna of Langdon, N. H., and John Leach of Walpole, N. H., met instant death yesterday afternoon.

The men were driving in from Langdon, reaching here just as the Boston & Maine flyer from Boston was whistling in. Flagman Flanders held the team up at the stone arch bridge crossing, the horse coming to a dead stop some 15 feet away from the approaching train. The engine and baggage car passed by, the train running at slow speed, when the horse became frightened and plunged directly into the moving train. Swung to the right by force of the contact, the horse raced with the train to the bridge, a few steps catching a wheel, dragging the carriage some 40 feet. Breaking loose from the step the carriage, horse and men, were hurled out over the parapet and fell to the river, 75 feet below.

In falling both men left the carriage, and striking the rocky bed of the Connecticut, were horribly mangled, scarcely a bone being left unbroken in either's body. The carriage was crushed to fragments, the horse lying dead a short distance away. In a few moments the ledge was lined with spectators and upon the arrival of the Walpole authorities the bodies were taken from the river and removed to the undertaking rooms here.

Both men were married and leave families. Leach was well known here, being proprietor of the Commercial House at one time. Mr. Jenna was a prosperous Langdon farmer.

THREE KILLED, TEN INJURED.

Fast Express Strikes a Loaded Trolley
Car in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Aug. 17.—Three men were killed and ten were injured last night when a fast through express from New York to Cincinnati on the Baltimore and Ohio southwestern crashed into a Winton Place trolley car in Winton Place where all the killed lived.

The dead: Robert J. Smith, William Tietz, Jr., an unidentified man. According to some witnesses, John Driscoll, gate tender, had let the gates down to allow a freight train to pass.

The locomotive of the freight engine, heavy clouds of smoke preventing the tender from seeing the passenger train bearing down at high speed and he raised the gates.

KILLED THE CAPTAIN.

Electric Crashed Into Salvation Army at
Old Orchard.

Old Orchard, Me., August 17.—While the Salvation Army was making its nightly parade from its quarters to the beach at this place last night, an electric crashed into the procession and instantly killed Capt. George Fitzsimmons of the Portland Salvation Army industrial home. Another member of the army was slightly injured.

Captain Fitzsimmons was caught under the forward trucks of the car and dragged about thirty feet before the car was brought to a stop. It then took half an hour to free the mangled body, lifting jacks having to be used to raise the car.

Fitzsimmons was 35 years of age and leaves a widow and two children. An inquest will be held.

SIX PERSONS KILLED.

Train Wrecked Near Santa Ana, Cal-
ifornia, Last Night.

Santa Ana, Cal., Aug. 17.—Six persons were killed last night in a wreck of a north bound Santa Fe train between Santa Ana and Riverside. The train ran into a freight.

DELEGATES FROM VERMONT.

Governor Bell Names Ten Men to Attend
Immigration Conference.

St. Johnsbury, August 17.—Governor Bell has appointed the following delegates to represent Vermont at national conference upon immigration to be held in the city of New York, December 6 and 7, under the auspices of the National Civic Federation:

Cassius Peck, Burlington; James K. Curtis, Georgia; George E. Terrill, Morrisville; H. M. Farnham, East Montpelier; C. A. Bump, Salisbury; E. W. Johnson, Ludlow; G. W. Young, St. Johnsbury; L. M. Oragin, Springfield; C. W. Cram, Williamstown; W. R. Bell, Lunenburg.

EAST BARRE.

At the next regular council of the local Tribe of Red Men, the warriors degree will be worked on two candidates. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All brothers please take notice.

VETERANS
WELCOMEDWashington Connty Associa-
tion Meets.

PRESENT VALUABLE BOX

Mayors Barclay and Corry Extend Wel-
come at Dewey Park This Af-
ternoon—Many Veterans
Present.

The annual session of the Washington County Veterans' association opened at Dewey Park this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with addresses of welcome by Mayors Barclay of Barre and Corry of Montpelier. Speeches were made by Dr. E. J. Foster of Waterbury center and Secretary-treasurer Taft of the Boston-Vermont Veterans' association.

There are 150 veterans already enrolled. During the year there have been 20 deaths, and 35 new members have been taken in, making the membership 430. An informal meeting was held this forenoon.

The feature this afternoon was the presentation to the association of a curiosity box of 150 pieces to be placed in the museum at the State House. The box was made by Benben L. Reed of South Acton, Mass. The top is of timber from Faneuil Hall in Boston. It contains 40 different relics. Mr. Reed's father was a Vermont. The gift is very valuable.

WOULDN'T GIVE SECRET AWAY.

Major-General Wade Explains Not This
Hasty Move.

Major-General James F. Wade, commanding the Atlantic division of the United States army and the officer to whom Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, chief of staff, wrote the letter which has been the cause of all hasty orders at Fort Ethan Allen to get in readiness for field service, was interviewed last evening.

General Wade was asked if he could give any information why the troops at Fort Ethan Allen were preparing for field service. He said: "I know nothing regarding this matter."

"Can you tell if the troops are bound for duty in the Philippines?" was the next query. "I know absolutely nothing about that," was the answer.

"What are these maneuvers which the government is suddenly planning to have at Sea Girt?" was asked. General Wade replied by saying "I know of no such maneuvers; there is to be a big rifle shoot at Sea Girt."

"Can you tell why the troops at Fort Ethan Allen should draw ball ammunition and put themselves in readiness for actual service?" was the next question.

"I can say nothing," the general replied. "You will have to get your information from the secretary of war."

From the conversation which was had with General Wade, it would appear that some move is contemplated which the government desires to keep secret.

VICTIMS' FUNERALS.

One Taken to New York, Other to Man-
chester.

Bennington, August 17.—The body of Harris Lindsay of New York, who was killed in an automobile accident, was taken to New York on the 3:40 train yesterday, accompanied by his brother, V. S. Lindsay of New York. The body will lie in state in the armory at New York. The funeral will be held Friday, after which it will be taken to Manchester, Vt., for burial.

The body of Miss Willing was taken to Manchester at 6:15 last night, accompanied by Ambrose Cramer of Chicago, trustee of the Willing estate. They will be buried in the Skinner lot in Manchester. Prayer was offered over the bodies at the undertaker's room yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Warren Morse of the Congregational church of Bennington.

HOLE IN BOAT.

Steamer Chateaugay Struck Dock at
St. Albans.

St. Albans, Aug. 17.—The steamer Chateaugay struck the corner of the dock at St. Albans 1:45 yesterday afternoon, staying a hole in the boat three feet off of the stern and just above the hull. The corner of the dock was torn away by the impact and the accident was caused by the bells in the engine room failing to work.

The damage to the boat has been repaired so that she is making her usual trip today.

BENNETT JULIAN APPOINTED.

Member of Arbitration Committee, For-
esters of America.

Bennington, Aug. 17.—Grand Chief Ranger Crahan of the State Court Foresters of America has made the following appointments: Auditing committee, John A. Ryan of Bennington, J. Hinch of Proctor, Eugene Joselin of Proctor; arbitration committee, W. J. Keith of Pittsford, James Duxey of Ludlow, C. J. Crowley of Bellows Falls, Matthew Mahan of Bennington, Fred Nigus of Proctor, Bennett Julian of Barre, Richard J. Madigan of Burlington.

Addressed the Polishers.

President McCarthy of the Federation of Labor was in Northfield last evening and addressed the polishers' union. Good results are expected.

BARRE MAN THE GROOM.

L. C. Plaisted United in Marriage to May
Louise West.

Burlington, Aug. 17.—A quiet marriage was solemnized yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock, when Miss May Louise West became the wife of L. C. Plaisted. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. M. Fuller at his home on North Union street. The ceremony was a quiet one, only Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Turner and their little daughter being present. Mrs. Turner acted as maid of honor. The bride is from Nova Scotia and the groom is a resident of Barre. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Plaisted took the White Mountain train for a two weeks' trip in the White mountains and Boston, after which they will reside in Barre.

BUTTER-TUB FACTORY BURNED.

Fire in Plainfield Last Night Caused a
Loss of \$2,500.

Plainfield, August 17.—The wheelwright shop and butter tub factory of Fred Bancroft was destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of \$2,500. The fire was discovered at about half past six o'clock, and was under considerable headway. The attempts to extinguish the flames were of no avail, and the buildings nearby seemed also to be doomed, but efficient work with fire extinguishers and buckets prevented further loss. The cause of the fire is unknown. Some say that it was due to a hot-box, others to carelessness in smoking. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

STREET RAILWAY
PAYS IN ADVANCE.Sends Check to City Treasurer for Its
Portion of Paving to Be Done
This Season.

The Barre Traction & Power Co. has paid to City Treasurer Mackay today a check in full payment for the street railway's portion of the paving to be done on North Main street and Depot Square this season.

RAILROAD OBJECTS.

Barre R. R. Doesn't Want to Pay for
Paving Depot Square.

A hearing before the street commissioners was held at the city council room yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. J. P. Lamson of Cabot represented the Barre railroad, and raised the following objections to the road being assessed for the paving of Depot Square: First, that under the Vermont statutes the railroad is not liable for the assessments; second, that the street commissioners cannot legally determine whether a property owner is specially benefited; third, that it is not legal to assess according to foot frontage.

LOCATED IN BROOKFIELD.

Dean Martin Had Hired Out to a Farmer
There.

Williamstown, August 17.—Quite a large party of men were out nearly all day yesterday searching the woods for Dean Martin, who had disappeared suddenly Monday from his father's home, where he has always worked. Towards night they learned he had wandered to Brookfield and hired out to a man there during haying. Circumstances led people to think that his mind was not quite right, or he would not have gone away as he did.

ANOTHER MEETING SOON.

Connecticut Building and Loan Associa-
tion to Act.

A meeting of members of the Connecticut Building and Loan Association held a meeting last evening in the hall of the Brown block on North Main street and talked over the situation which confronts them. No action was taken, but it was decided to ask F. H. Lucin of Montpelier and E. W. Bisbee of this city to address them on Association matters. The former has already expressed his willingness to do so. A call will be made for another meeting as soon as arrangements can be made.

GEO. W. CUTLER'S FUNERAL.

Interment Was in the Wilson Cemetery
on Tuesday.

The funeral of the late George W. Cutler was held Tuesday afternoon from the home, the Rev. J. Edward Wright being the officiating clergyman. The bearers were: Hermon E. Wilbur, A. Merton E. Cutler, and Curtis Martin. The interment was in the Wilson cemetery. There was a very beautiful display of floral tributes, testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

FAMOUS CASE SETTLED.

Merchants' National Bank Depositors
Will Get 15 Per Cent.

Rutland, Aug. 17.—The famous bankruptcy case of Marvin A. McClure which grew out of the robbing of the Merchants' National bank of this city was settled today by Referee E. H. O'Brien. Eleven claims were proved, aggregating over \$125,000. A dividend was declared of one and a fraction cents on a dollar. This with \$10,000 collected on McClure's installment piano sales, enable the receiver to pay fifteen per cent of the balance due depositors.

Drying Bananas Caused Fire.

Northfield, Aug. 17.—The Northfield Fruit company was endeavoring to ripen bananas last night when their building caught fire. Quite a damage was done before the fire could be extinguished, as the fire burned for half an hour.

FATALITY
ON TRACKThomas Gabelloni Killed Yes-
terday Afternoon.

BODY WAS HORRIBLY CUT

Struck and Run Over by Shifting En-
gine on Central Vermont Side
Track, Before Companion's
Eyes.

Thomas Gabelloni of Blackhill street was struck by an engine on a side-track of the Central Vermont railroad near his home and instantly killed yesterday afternoon. The accident happened shortly after four o'clock and Gabelloni was just returning from his work.

With Achille Caramella, he was walking up the track which runs by the rear of his house. The switch engine had been down in the granite yard on Blackwell street and was going with two cars to the main track at a fair rate of speed. Caramella was somewhat ahead of Gabelloni and, on hearing the engine, turned around to warn his companion, who was somewhat deaf. But he was too late. The engine had already hit Gabelloni and was dragging him on the cow-catcher. Jumping to one side, Caramella frantically shouted to the trainmen to stop, but the engineer did not apparently understand, as the locomotive proceeded and ground the unfortunate man before his companion's eyes.

Gabelloni was first caught by the left heel, and the shoe was torn from the foot and hurled several rods away. Being unable to extricate himself, he was drawn beneath the wheels, all of which passed over him. After being dragged three rods, the body dropped to the ground, mangled horribly. Particles of bone and blood splashes indicated where the body had been ground beneath the wheels. The engine went about five rods before it was stopped.

The left leg was cut off at the hip and badly mangled, the right leg crushed above the knee, the right breast cut open and the left shoulder broken. The crystal of the man's watch was shattered, but the watch did not stop running. City Physician J. W. Jackson was summoned and ordered the body taken to Hooker's undertaking rooms.

Caramella says: "When I heard the engine coming I turned to warn Gabelloni and saw the man on the cow-catcher with one foot caught. I shouted to the engineer, who did not pay any attention, but laughed at me. As the engine went past me, the body went under the wheels, catching in the machinery, and was dragged about fifty feet before it dropped to the track."

Caramella was very much worked up by the awful spectacle, and was nearly crazy with grief. He was very excited over what he termed the brutality of the engine. The brakeman who was on the engine, when interviewed by a Times reporter, stated that neither the fireman nor engineer saw Gabelloni on the track ahead of them and did not know how the accident occurred. When they reached the top of the hill they happened to look back and saw the body lying on the track.

Engineer Bennett and Brakeman Robinson, who were on the fatal engine deny that they saw the man and say that they knew nothing of the accident until it was all over.

Gabelloni was about 53 years old and had lived in this country 14 years. He was an expressman. He leaves a wife and two children. He had been suffering for some time with tuberculosis, although able to do light work.

QUIET IN CAMP.

State Militia Went to Burlington for
Dedication Exercises.

Camp Gov. Bell, August 17.—Camp Governor Bell was a quiet place yesterday, the entire regiment attending the celebration at Ethan Allen Park. All except a guard detail marched to Winooski Park and at 11:00 boarded a special train for Burlington, where they disembarked and marched to College street, forming into the parade. The regiment was in command of Lieut. Col. Bonnett, Col. Estey being chief marshal of the parade.

Broke Arm Playing Foot Ball.

John Craik is nursing a fractured radius as the result of a collision with another foot ball player on Monday evening. Both players were knocked out, and it was supposed that Craik had sustained a sprain. Dr. J. W. Jackson, who was finally called, discovered that a bone of the left arm had been broken.

Confessed to Setting Fire.

Randolph Center, August 17.—A set of farm buildings belonging to Hiram Hanks and situated in the south part of the town, was destroyed by fire on Monday night. The barn contained about five tons of hay and was a total loss with its contents.

That the fire was of incendiary origin was the belief of those who attended it. Suspicion fell upon Ernest Doring, son of Munroe Doring of this town. Young Doring was arrested and arraigned before Justice N. J. Boyden on Tuesday. The prisoner pleaded guilty to firing the buildings and was held under \$500 bonds for county court. In default of bail the prisoner was taken to Chelsea and was committed to the county jail.